

Maryland Historical Trust Determination of Eligibility Form

Property Name: Frank Poole Farm Inventory Number: M: 17-17
 Address: 18001 Elgin Road Historic District: Yes X No
 City: Poolesville Zip Code: 20837 County: Montgomery
 USGS Quadrangle(s): Poolesville
 Property Owner: Allan & Kim Stypeck Tax Account ID Number: 01760082
 Tax Map Parcel Number(s): P140 Tax Map Number: CT22
 Project: Brightwell Crossing 200662663 N62666 Agency: COE
 Agency Prepared By: Brightwell Crossing
 Preparer's Name: William Lebovich Date Prepared: 12/14/2006
 Documentation Is Presented In: 1974 survey by M-NCPPC and The History of Poolesville (Dona Cuttler & Dorothy Elgin, 2000)
 Preparer's Eligibility Recommendation: X Eligibility Recommended Eligibility Not Recommended
 Criteria: A B X C D Considerations: A B C D E F G
Complete if the property is a contributing or non-contributing resource to a NR district/property:
 Name of the District/Property:
 Inventory Number: Eligible: Yes Listed: Yes
 Site Visit by MHT Staff: Yes No Name: Date:

Description of Property and Justification: *(Please attach map and photo)*

Historical Context:

Early land grants in the Poolesville area date to around 1730, but the beginning of Poolesville is usually dated to the 1760's when John Poole, Sr. acquired the land that is now Poolesville and erected the still extant John Poole House, circa 1793. Like much of Montgomery County, the area remained largely agricultural into the early 20th century. And because of its distance from the District of Columbia and the major urban areas in Montgomery County it has remained to a surprising degree still agricultural and dotted with horse farms and large estates, mostly outside the downtown area. The downtown commercial area retains some handsome Federal Period residences, 19th century churches and some later residences, along with a number of unfortunate newer buildings.

As most authors have pointed out, no Civil War battles took place in Poolesville, but several major battles took place nearby in Virginia, Maryland, and Pennsylvania. And as the people of Poolesville were southern sympathizers, the Union and Confederate armies alternated occupying the town during most of the Civil War and its men joined the Confederate Army.

It is apparent from the early buildings in the Poolesville Historic District and a few early buildings north of the district, such as the

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MHT Comments:

Jonathan Sager
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services

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Reviewer, National Register Program

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Frank Poole farm house and farm buildings that in the late 18th and early 19th century Poolesville enjoyed its first success as a small town located close to Potomac River crossings and at the intersection of two major transportation routes in western Montgomery County. Outside of the commercial and residential core, Poolesville remained and, to a fair degree, remains agricultural and horse farms, while the rest of the county has changed dramatically. Its most important historic movement was its occupation by Civil War troops and as a passageway to major battles.

Description of Frank Poole Farm and eligibility criteria:

At the end of a long driveway from Elgin Road, sits the square, 2 acre parcel consisting of the farm house, bankbarn, and small structures for storage and animal lodging. All buildings are frame construction, with wood siding, supported by stone piers. Only the bank barn appears to have a continuous stone foundation. There is also a modern pool adjacent to the house. The house faces south and the farm buildings are clustered to the east and south of the house, with some additional very small structures along the northern perimeter of the property.

The 1974 inventory prepared by Christopher Owens, Park Historian, M-NCPPC has the following description: "The house is a two story, frame structure with a five bay, main

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(south) façade. The one story porch across the front has bracketed, turned posts. Over the entrance is a central gable. On the east end is a bay window.

A two story el, built in several sections, extends to the north. The windows on the el are 6/6 double hung sash; on the main façade, they are 2/2 double hung sash.

East of the house is a frame bankbarn on a stone foundation. The siding is board and batten. There is also a frame corncrib with vertical board siding."

Mr. Owens provided neither date, nor statement of significance. Although he does not mention all outbuildings, his brief descriptions are accurate and the buildings look essentially unchanged since his survey.

The History of Poolesville provides more description and a history of the property, along with an earlier photograph (page 75):

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Criteria: _____ A _____ B _____ C _____ D

Considerations: _____ A _____ B _____ C _____ D _____ E _____ F _____ G

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"The tract 'Elizabeth's Delight' was purchased in 1760 by John Poole, Sr. from Charles Hoskinson. The property was resurveyed and John's portion was named 'Poole's Right.' John leased part of his land to Michael Coates, a carpenter, in 1767. The lease stipulated that Mr. Coates was to build a small house, tobacco barn, and plant an apple orchard. After the death of John Poole, Sr. his heirs sold the farm to Philip Mossburg. Mr. Mossburg had the front porch portion of the house constructed in 1905. The center gable, five bay house is typical of this era. The side features a two-story Victorian style bay window. Beautiful gingerbread trim adorns the full-length front porch. In 1930 the farm was sold to John T. and Edward W. Elgin. It remained in the family until 1977 when the house and two acres were sold to Robert and Iva Rauch. There have been several owners of the house between the Rauch's and the Stypecks including the Royals, the Kings, and Michael and Susan Proser. The present owners are Allan and Kim Stypeck. The photograph was taken in 1940. The remainder of the 176 acres are owned by the Elgin Family Partnership."

The 1940 photograph in the book shows that the east side of the ell has been altered by the addition of a first story bay next to the "two-story Victorian style bay window." It also appears that porch on that side of the ell has been changed by enclosing some of the space.

The History of Poolesville states definitively that a small house was supposed to be erected under the lease, sometime after 1767 and that the porch was added in 1905, although the source for the latter date is not specified. Since a specific year is specified it is assumed that there is documentary evidence for this date. It is possible that an eighteenth century structure is within the present structure. The current massing and details suggest that the house is late 19th century built around a early to mid 19th century entrance door with transom and side lites, with the porch being added in 1905. The rear

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ell has several small additions that appear to be twentieth century. (This researcher was not invited inside). The west chimney is unusual as it is topped by finials at each corner.

The gable roofed bankbarn has a substantial timber frame and the corncrib has a large arched opening. The rest of the outbuildings are modest, but this is an impressive grouping of 19th century farm buildings.

In sum, the Frank Poole Farm is eligible for the National Register under criterion C as it is a 19th century farm complex with farm house and farm outbuildings. The farm house is a distinctive example of late 19th century rural architecture with the common T-shape and characteristic details such as the tall proportions, gable roof with center cross gable, three-part end bay, and front porch with turned columns and spindle scroll work, in the shape of half and quarter rounds beneath the porch cornice.

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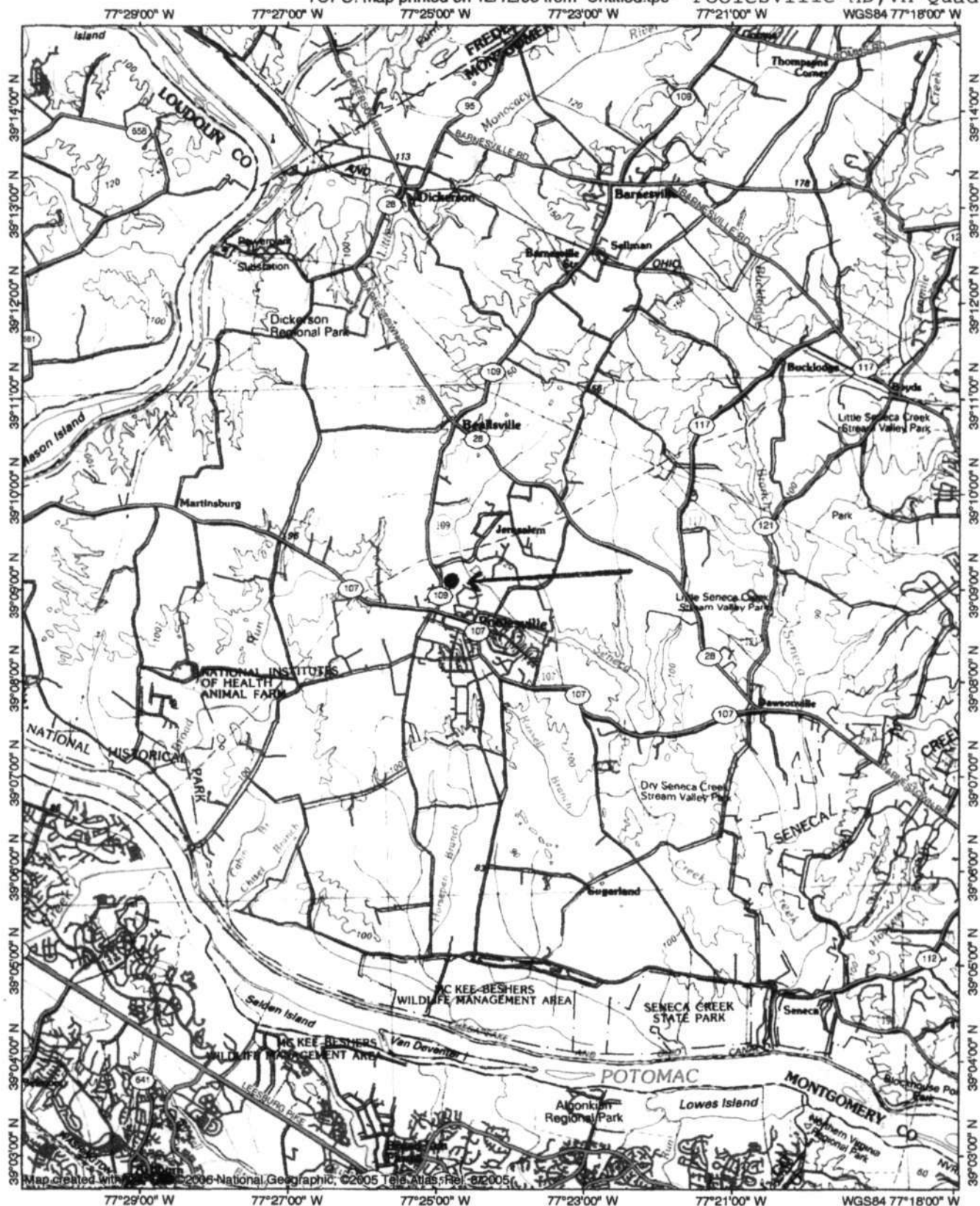
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TOPOI map printed on 12/12/06 from "Untitled.tpo" Poolsville-MD, VA Quad



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GEOGRAPHIC

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Franz Foose

Farm

Montgomery Co

MD

Bilkovich

Nov 2006

MOSAP

1/a

Main (south)

foeade



MD: 17-17
Frank Poole Farm
Montgomery Co
MO

Bill Lebovich
Nov 2006
MO SHPO

2/8
East side



MD: 17-17
Frank Park Farm
Montgomery Co.
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Bill Lelovich
Nov 2006

MD 3490

3/8

North + West
sides



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Frank Pooler
Farm
Montgomery Co.
MD

Bill Lebrich
Nov 2006

MD SHPO
4/8

Crib
(cast facade)



MD: 17-17
Frank Poole
Farm
Montgomery Co.
MO

Bill Lebovich
Nov 2006

MO SHPO
5/8

small barn
(west side)



MD: 17-17
Frank Poole
Farm
Montgomery Co.
MO

Bill Lebovich
Nov 2006
MO SHPO
6/8

Barn
(west facade)
(+ south side)



MD: 17-17
Frank Pooler
Farm
Montgomery Co
MD
Bill Lebovich
Nov 2006
MD SHPO
#7/8
Barn
(east
side)



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Frank Poole Farm
Montgomery Co.
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Bill Lebovich
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MD SHPO

8/8
(Barn) +
(shed)



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Frank Park
Farm

Montgomery Co.

MD

Bill Lebowitz

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MD 5440

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Bois
(west fence)

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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

NOMINATION FORM
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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

1. NAME																								
COMMON:																								
AND/OR HISTORIC: Frank Poole House																								
2. LOCATION																								
STREET AND NUMBER: Poolesville Road (Rte. 109)																								
CITY OR TOWN: Poolesville																								
STATE: Maryland			COUNTY: Montgomery																					
3. CLASSIFICATION																								
CATEGORY (Check One)		OWNERSHIP		STATUS																				
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4. OWNER OF PROPERTY																								
OWNER'S NAME: A. C. & J. E. & C. W. Elgin Trustees																								
STREET AND NUMBER:																								
CITY OR TOWN:			STATE:																					
5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION																								
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC: Montgomery County Courthouse																								
STREET AND NUMBER:																								
CITY OR TOWN: Rockville			STATE: Maryland																					
Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #):																								
6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS																								
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DATE OF SURVEY: <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local																								
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:																								
STREET AND NUMBER:																								
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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Uncolored	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The house is a two story, frame structure with a five bay, main (south) facade. The one story porch across the front has bracketed, turned posts. Over the entrance is a central gable. On the east end is a bay window.

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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- | | | | |
|--|---------------------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century | |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____ |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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NE	0	0	0	0	0	0		
SE	0	0	0	0	0	0		
SW	0	0	0	0	0	0		

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

Acreage Justification:

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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Christopher Owens, Park Historian	
ORGANIZATION M-NCPPC	DATE 10 May 74
STREET AND NUMBER: 8787 Georgia Avenue	
CITY OR TOWN: Silver Spring	STATE Maryland

12. State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)

Significance of this property is:

National ☐ State ☐ Local ☐

Signature



NAME FRANK POOLE HOUSE
LOCATION RTE. 109, POOLESDOULE, MD.
FACADE S
PHOTO TAKEN 5/10/74
M. DWYER



NAME FRANK POOLE HOUSE

LOCATION RTE. 109, POOLESVILLE, MD.

FACADE N WING - E. FACADE

PHOTO TAKEN 5/10/74

M. DWYER



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NAME FRANK POOLE - BARN
LOCATION Rt 109 POOLESVILLE, Md
FACADE NW
PHOTO TAKEN 5/10/74 MDWYER